

# Community Engagement & Cultural Change

A free one-day knowledge-sharing event focusing on award-winning partnership working between community organisations and public sector authorities

Friday 2nd July 2010  
The Guildhall, Grantham



- **Discover** how to engage effectively with your local community groups
- **Learn** how to effect meaningful culture change within your community engagement practices
- **Build** strategies and action plans to create successful partnerships
- **Talk** to others in the empowerment field and share your experiences
- **Celebrate** outstanding community empowerment work in the East Midlands



Successful partnership working between the public and third sector has become crucial in actualising the benefits of community empowerment.

The East Midlands Empowerment Partnership (working with the East Midlands Neighbourhood Resource Centre and the East Midlands Improvement & Efficiency Partnership) has developed a unique awards programme, the Community Engagement and Cultural Change Awards.

The awards focus on recognising and rewarding outstanding community organisations who have inspired their Local Authority or other public sector body partner towards making a cultural change within their working practices, in order to create a successful and mutually beneficial partnership. As a result of these improved relationships, the ten award winners are making positive changes to facilities and services within their communities.

This highly participative event is aimed at bringing those involved in empowerment and community engagement together from across the East Midlands to learn from these organisations, and create a pathway to replicating this good practice within their own authorities.

The day also seeks to recognise and reward the ten award-winners, and inspire other community organisations to achieve similar success across the region.

### What will happen on the day?

The interactive day will focus on carousel-style round table discussions, with each table hosted by one of the ten Community Engagement and Cultural Change Award winners and their local authority/public sector partner.

During these informal, dialogue-focussed sessions, winners will provide a brief overview of their project/organisation including what they did, how they did it, their successes and their learning points. Delegates will then get the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about how they can effect similar change and success within their own working practices.

There will also be a 'keynote' address from leading policy specialist Rachel Newton, Head of Policy & Research at community empowerment champion Urban Forum, and a formal presentation ceremony at the end of the day where the award winners will receive their certificates and cheques for £3,000. Refreshments will be served morning and afternoon with a buffet lunch in between, providing ample time for networking and informal discussion.

### Who should attend?

If you are a local authority or public sector officer or manager, working within the fields of community engagement, development or cohesion in the East Midlands, you will benefit from attending. In addition senior managers from community organisations will also gain valuable insight from the day.

In particular, if you are interested in finding out how to create strong meaningful partnerships between the public sector and community organisations, and how to effect changes to make this happen, this event will give you the information and inspiration you need to move forward.

**BRING A PARTNER** - To get the maximum benefit from this event, we highly recommend that public sector delegates invite a key member of a local community organisation with whom they are working in partnership to attend with them. This event will provide an excellent opportunity to learn together and create plans for further successful partnership working.

This event is **FREE** to attend.

# Community Engagement & Cultural Change Award Winners

**Winner: Action 4 Cotmanhay**

Nominated by:  
Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service

**Winner: Adrenaline Alley**

Nominated by:  
Corby Borough Council

**Winner: Care + Comfort Community Services**

Nominated by:  
Nottinghamshire County Council

**Winner: Daventry Over Fifties Forum**

Nominated by:  
Daventry District Council

**Winner: Dunkirk & Lenton Partnership Forum**

Nominated by:  
Nottingham City Council

**Winner: Enthusiasm**

Nominated by:  
Derby City Council

**Winner: Harborough In Bloom Volunteers**

Nominated by:  
Harborough District Council

**Winner: Hucknall Tourism & Regeneration Group**













Nominated by:  
Ashfield District Council

**Winner: Leicester Sports 4 U Ltd**

Nominated by:  
Leicester City Council

**Winner: Somali Women's Organisation**

Nominated by:  
Nottingham City Council

-  **09:30** Registration opens & refreshments served
-  **10:00** Welcome by Aruna Bhagwan (Programme Manager, EMEP), Natalie Jones and Barbara Onley (Centre Managers, EMNRC)  
Purpose of the day and a brief introduction to the East Midlands Empowerment Partnership (EMEP) and the East Midlands Neighbourhood Resource Centre (EMNRC)
-  **10:10** Keynote address by Rachel Newton (Head of Policy & Research, Urban Forum)  
Presentation from community engagement champion Rachel Newton on key current empowerment themes including an introductory overview of the 10 Community Engagement & Cultural Change award-winning projects/organisations
-  **10:40** Community Engagement & Cultural Change Round Tables (x2)  
A carousel-style session including two 20-minute informal presentation and discussion sessions with small groups of delegates learning from the successes of the award-winners
-  **11:20** Refreshment / comfort break  
Networking time and information points / table top displays
-  **11:40** Community Engagement & Cultural Change Round Tables (x4)  
Continuing the informal round tables, this session will include four 20-minute carousel style sessions (as above) learning from successful partnership projects
-  **13:00** Buffet lunch, networking and information exchange
-  **13:45** Community Engagement & Cultural Change Round Tables (x4)  
Completing the circuit of all ten tables, this session will include four 20-minute carousel style round table sessions (as above) with the remaining award-winners
-  **15:05** Refreshment / comfort break  
Networking time and information points / table top displays
-  **15:25** Presentation of Community Engagement & Cultural Change Awards  
Presented by keynote speaker, Rachel Newton (Urban Forum)
-  **15:55** Summary  
Including details of future projects from the EMEP, NRCCE and EM IEP
-  **16:00** Event close

## About the East Midlands Empowerment Partnership (EMEP)

The Partnership aims to increase the number of people, particularly in disadvantaged areas, who participate in public issues, contribute to the improvement of public services, and help to shape the future of their local communities.

We deliver our aims and objectives through: a regional online empowerment directory; case studies and learning resources; workshops and conferences; interest focus groups and NI4 database.

For more information, please visit [www.emep.org.uk](http://www.emep.org.uk)

## East Midlands Neighbourhood Resource Centre (EMNRC)

The EMNRC is a Centre of Excellence working in partnership to help people build safe, friendly and cohesive communities by providing specialist training, support and advice services. We are responsible for developing and delivering a neighbourhood support programme for the region funded by the Improvement & Efficiency partnership. We provide a range of specialist training and support, working with a number of agencies to assist in the delivery of neighbourhood renewal at a grass roots level.

For more information, please visit [www.nrcce.org.uk](http://www.nrcce.org.uk)

## About the East Midlands Improvement & Efficiency Partnership (EM IEP)

The EM IEP aims to bring lasting improvements to the region and has a budget of £20 million over three years (2008 - 2011) to do exactly that. It will help forge closer relationships between East Midland authorities - there are 46 councils and five fire and rescue authorities involved - to help them challenge and support one another on their 'improvement journeys'.

For more information, please visit [www.eastmidlandsiep.gov.uk](http://www.eastmidlandsiep.gov.uk)



## How to book your FREE place

### Online registrations:

The quickest and easiest way to register is via our online booking system. Click on (or type) the link below, select the 'registration' button and complete the form. You'll get an automatic confirmation and a link to location maps etc.

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### Telephone registrations:

If you don't have internet access, please call the events office on 0845 634 4609, and the events team will be happy to help.